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1. Occupied Germany:

a. Communicable Diseases: — Attached as Appendix "A" is Communicable Disease Report by Regierungsbezirk for United States Zone of Germany for week ending 30 November 1945. Case rates by Regierungsbezirk and by Land for the same period are listed in Appendix "B" and Appendix "C", respectively.

In Greater Hesse, diphtheria continues to increase despite efforts to control it. This is due largely to the fact that for the past three years very few small children were immunized. Scabies also increased, and cannot be brought under control until more soap and hot water become available.

In RB Hessen, the number of cases of diphtheria continues to show an increase. This is also true to a lesser extent of influenza and scarlet fever. The increases are enhanced by the overcrowded condition in which the civilian population is living. With the onset of cold weather, overcrowding is made worse by a large number of people moving into one heated room. Families cannot now afford to heat an extra room and the patient is forced to sit with the rest in the one heated room.

Reported cases of tuberculosis of the lungs and larynx in Hesse, showed a marked increase. Efforts are being made to make enough hospital beds available so that all open cases of tuberculosis may be hospitalized and properly cared for. At present, they are being treated at home.

The campaign against diphtheria by group immunization of German civilians, continues in Württemberg-Baden.

b. Venereal Diseases: — In Greater Hesse, reported cases of gonorrhea showed a decided increase. It is hoped that incidence figures should begin to reflect the use of penicillin, of which 1,418 vials have been issued.

In Württemberg-Baden, penicillin is now available to displaced persons and German civilians of both sexes for the treatment of gonorrhea.

Penicillin is now being used in the treatment of gonorrhea at the four venereal disease centers: Dieburg, Giessen University Skin Clinic, Laubach and Offenbach City Hospital.

In US Sector, Berlin, a total of 826 individuals were reported by Military sources and civilian police for venereal disease examinations. Of this number 87 were found to be infected and were hospitalized for treatment. An additional 466 voluntarily came to the clinics for examination or were examined by private physicians. Of this group 202 were placed under treatment.

c. Hospitals: — Plans are underway to set up a communicable disease hospital at Pfungstadt. Ninety (90) beds will be made available for that purpose. The hospital at Eberstadt, which had been a PW hospital, is now in use for civilians and refugees.

There were 10,673 hospital beds in the US Sector of Berlin with the week ending 5 December 1945 of which 8,491 were occupied. There was an overall increase of 181 beds available due to rehabilitation and winterization.

d. Medical Supplies: — The most urgent problem now facing the public health program in RB Hessen is the acute shortage of insulin. As of 1 December 1945, the wholesale had on hand 53,800 units and faced a complete exhaustion of stock. The monthly requirement for RB Hessen is at a minimum, 1,000,000 units. There is some hope of obtaining an additional 500,000 units to tide over the immediate crisis. However, this will not help to avoid the inevitable fact that either imported insulin must be furnished or death of diabetics because of lack of insulin will ensue.

e. Denazification: — Because of failure to cooperate with Military Government and evidence of Nazi influence, the Ärztekammer of RB Wiesbaden was ordered to cease functioning. The Regierungspräsident was directed to establish a new Ärztekammer on or before 10 December 1945.

APPENDIX "A"

Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 30 November 1945

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																				c: cases	d: deaths					
			Typhus Fever louse-borne	Relapsing Fever	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies			Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
Kassel	1,159,153	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	86 7	25 —	37 3	5 —	4 —	—	143	44	15	9	—	—	—	*	128	—	—	—	*	*	*	*
Wiesbaden	1,181,602	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	142 7	18 —	45 25	2 2	* *	—	302	59	16	2	—	—	—	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hessen	910,471	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	116 4	24 —	24 6	3 —	23	—	1	52	21	5	1	1	—	16	324	—	—	—	13	*	*	*
Württemberg	1,908,000	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	162 5	35 —	29 16	6 1	11	—	1	183	58	11	3	12	—	*	45	—	—	*	1	*	*	*
Baden	1,420,750	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	142 10	13 —	45 7	—	7	—	121	26	14	1	1	—	—	*	6	1	—	*	*	*	*	*
Bremen Port Command	558,096	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	141 17	13 1	15 6	2 —	* *	1	*	*	15	—	1	1	—	*	69	—	—	6	*	*	*	* x
Schwaben	949,043	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	51 4	7 —	12 5	2 1	* *	—	51	20	4	1	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	*	*
Oberbayern	1,932,163	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	109 4	21 —	72 13	5 —	5	—	1	193	74	20	2	6	—	*	42	—	—	2	8	*	*	2
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,989,220	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	119 11	17 —	97 —	37 1	5	2	1	129	45	27	6	—	—	*	230	—	—	2	—	*	*	*
Ober- and Mittelfranken	1,605,274	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	155 8	27 22	26 2	1 2	2	—	205	55	51	3	1	—	—	—	303	—	—	4	—	—	—	—
Mainfranken	910,980	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	47 1	9 —	26 5	3 1	3	—	25	18	11	—	—	—	1	5	79	—	—	20	*	*	*	*
Berlin (Am. Sector)	800,000	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	157 1	16 —	57 5	6 1	* *	1	286	67	90	3	34	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	*	*
TOTAL	15,233,752	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	1427 79	225 3	485 176	72 10	60	5	4	1690	487	279	31	46	—	1	21	1226	1	1	53	1	2	—

One Case of Leprosy reported in Munich

*No data submitted

X Delinquent Report — data received by telephone.

Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 30 November 1945

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Typhus Fever louse borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	Mumps
Kassel	1,159,153	—	—	—	—	—	—	38.61	11.23	16.61	2.25	1.80	—	64.21	19.76	6,744.04	—	—	—	—	*	57.47	—	—	—	*	*	*
Wiesbaden	1,181,602	—	—	—	—	—	—	62.48	7.92	19.80	0.88	*	—	132.88	25.96	7,040.88	—	—	—	—	*	*	*	—	—	*	*	*
Hessen	910,471	—	—	—	—	—	—	66.24	13.70	13.70	1.71	13.13	—	0.57	29.69	11.99	2,860.57	0.57	—	—	9.14	185.00	—	—	—	7.42	*	*
Württemberg	1,908,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	44.71	9.66	8.00	1.66	3.04	—	0.28	50.51	16.01	3,040.83	0.55	—	—	*	12.42	—	—	—	*	0.28	*
Baden	1,420,750	—	—	—	—	—	—	51.97	4.76	16.47	—	2.56	0.37	44.29	9.52	5,120.37	0.37	—	—	*	2,200.37	—	—	—	—	*	*	*
Bremen Port Command	558,096	—	—	—	—	—	—	131.41	12.12	13.98	1.86	*	0.93	*	*	13.98	—	0.93	—	—	*	64.31	—	—	—	5.59	*	* X
Schwaben	949,043	—	—	—	—	—	—	27.95	2.84	6.58	1.20	*	—	27.95	10.96	2,190.55	—	—	—	—	*	*	*	—	—	*	*	*
Oberbayern	1,932,163	—	—	—	—	—	—	29.32	5.65	19.39	1.35	1.35	—	0.27	51.92	19.91	5,380.54	1.61	—	—	*	11.30	—	—	0.54	2.15	*	0.54
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,898,220	—	—	—	—	—	—	38.56	5.51	31.43	11.99	1.62	0.65	0.32	41.80	14.58	8,751.94	—	—	—	*	74.52	—	—	—	0.65	*	*
Ober- and Mittelfranken	1,605,274	—	—	—	—	—	—	42.47	7.40	7.12	0.27	0.55	—	56.17	15.07	13,970.82	0.27	—	—	—	—	83.02	—	—	—	1.10	—	—
Mainfranken	910,980	0.57	—	—	—	—	—	26.84	5.14	14.85	1.71	1.71	—	14.28	10.28	6.28	—	—	—	—	0.57	2.86	45.11	—	0.57	11.42	*	*
Berlin (Am. Sect)	800,000	5.20	—	—	—	—	—	120.05	10.40	37.05	3.90	*	0.65	185.90	43.55	58,501.95	22.10	—	—	—	*	*	*	—	—	*	*	*
TOTAL	15,233,752	0.31	—	—	—	—	—	48.52	7.65	16.49	2.45	2.04	0.17	0.14	57.46	16.56	9,491.05	1.56	—	0.03	0.71	41.68	0.03	0.03	0.07	1.80	0.03	0.07

* No data submitted.

X Delinquent report, data received by telephone.

APPENDIX "C" Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 30 November 1945

Land	Popu- lation	Cases, Death	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																							c: cases	d: deaths			
			Typhus Fever louse-borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung & larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic			Malaria	Influenza	Measles
Greater Hesse	3,251,226	c	—	—	—	—	—	344	67	106	10	27	—	1	497	124	36	12	1	—	—	16	452	—	—	—	13	*	*	
Württemberg Baden	3,328,750	p	—	—	—	—	—	18	—	34	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	—	—	—	*	*	1	*	
		p	—	—	—	—	—	304	48	74	6	18	1	1	304	84	25	4	3	—	—	*	51	1	—	—	*	*	—	*
		p	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	23	2	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*
Bavaria	7,295,680	c	1	—	—	—	—	481	81	233	48	15	2	2	603	212	113	12	7	—	1	5	654	1	2	34	*	*	2	2
		p	—	—	—	—	—	28	2	56	5	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bremen Port Command	558,096	p	—	—	—	—	—	141	13	15	2	*	1	—	*	*	15	—	1	—	—	*	69	—	—	6	*	*	x	*
		p	—	—	—	—	—	17	1	6	—	*	—	—	*	*	—	—	1	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*	*	*	*
Berlin (Am Sect)	800,000	p	8	—	—	—	—	157	16	57	6	*	1	—	286	67	90	3	34	—	—	*	*	*	—	*	*	*	*	*
		p	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	57	1	*	1	—	—	—	6	—	16	—	—	*	*	*	—	*	*	*	*	*

Rates Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

Greater Hesse	3,251,226							55.04	10.72	16.96	0.16	4.32		0.16	79.52	19.84	5.76	1.92	0.16			2.56	72.32				2.08	*	*
Württemberg Baden	3,328,750							47.42	7.49	11.54	0.94	2.81	0.160	16.47	42.13	13.10	3.90	0.62	0.47			*	7.96	0.16			*	0.16	*
Bavaria	7,295,680	0.07						34.15	5.75	16.54	3.41	1.07	0.140	14.42	81.15	15.05	0.92	0.85	0.50		0.07	0.36	46.43		0.07	0.142	4.1	*	0.14
Bremen Port Command	558,096							131.41	12.12	13.98	1.86	*	0.93		*	*	13.98		0.93			*	64.31				5.59	*	*x
Berlin (Am Sect)	800,000	5.20						102.05	10.40	37.05	3.90	*	0.65		185.90	43.55	58.50	1.95	22.10			*	*			*	*	*	*

* Data not submitted

x Delinquent report — data received by telephone

